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STUTTGART FOR ELG

1. DEPARTMENT HAS DISCUSSED CONTINGENCY EVACUATION PLAN WITH BRITISH EMBASSY WASHINGTON, WHICH INDICATED BRITISH DESIRE TO BE HELPFUL AND PROMISED TO INFORM FCO THAT EMBASSY NICOSIA WOULD BE MAKING FORMAL REQUEST TO HIGH COMMISSION FOR INCLUSION OF OPTIONS CONTAINED REFTEL IN BRITISH CONTINGENCY PLANNING. ACCORDINGLY, YOU SHOULD NOW MAKE SUCH A FORMAL REQUEST.

2. AS SEEN FROM WASHINGTON, MAIN PROBLEM APPEARS TO BE GETTING EVACUEES FROM NICOSIA TO SBAS. IN PROLONGED WAR SITUATION, CONVOY OPTION USED IN JULY WOULD APPEAR MOST APPROPRIATE. FOR EMERGENCY SITUATION WHERE FIGHTING OR VIOLENT DEMONSTRATIONS ARE LIKELY TO BE BRIEF AND REQUIRE
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IMMEDIATE EVACUATION, HOWEVER, ONE OF RAF/UNFICYP HELI-

COPTER OPTIONS WOULD APPEAR MOST APPROPRIATE. USE OF USN
HELICOPTER WOULD NOT REPEAT NOT BE FEASIBLE IN THIS TYPE
SITUATION OWING TO TIME-FACTOR IN GETTING HELICOPTER TO

NICOSIA.

3. ARRANGEMENTS FOR PICK-UP OF USG PERSONNEL FROM SBAS
BY HELICOPTER OR FIXED WING AIRCRAFT CAN BE MADE
IMMEDIATELY AND WITHOUT DIFFICULTY ONCE AN EVACUATION
DECISION IS MADE. KISSINGER

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